Jim Guelcher

In-home theater

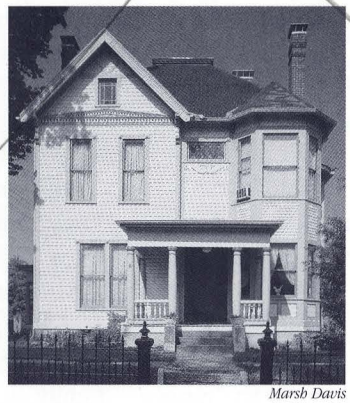
It's a Friday night dilemma: go out to a movie or bring home a video? At the movies, you get the big screen, big sound, and theater popcorn. But at home you can curl up barefoot with more reasonably priced snacks, and no searching for your car afterward.

Envy-prone movie buffs beware: Jim Guelcher, director of Historic Landmarks' new Calumet Region Office, never faces this choice because his home is *in* a movie theater. And not just any movie theater—the 1924 atmospheric Hoosier Theater on Main Street in Whiting, with stars that twinkle in the ceiling and a Baroque garden decor. He lives on the theater's top floor in one of 10 apartments, spacious units that originally numbered eight, then 16 during the Depression, and are as old as the building. He comes downstairs, in his slippers if he feels like it, to see the latest first-run movie. Tenants get free tickets.

So ask Guelcher for a review. Whether it's *Minority Report* or *Lilo and Stitch*, he doesn't much care. "I see every movie that comes up," he says. He also eats a lot of movie house popcorn and says that's the only downside to living in a theater—the constant proximity of the concession stand.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT TO SPARE–As revealed in *99 Historic Homes of Indiana,* the book published this September by Historic Landmarks and Indiana University Press, Ted Toller's not a guy to do things half-way. Example: When restoring a damaged parquet floor in his once-condemned, now gorgeous 1886 Queen Anne home in Richmond, he cut 7,000 diamond-shaped pieces of wood using a handsaw. No one ever accused Ted of being unenthusiastic in his pursuits.

That includes Christmas,



Marsh Davis

of which Ted is a definite fan. He likes Christmas decorations, Christmas games, Christmas trees, Santa Claus, and he especially likes angels.

At Ted's house, it's always Christmas. A Christmas tree perpetually decorates the living room. Hundreds of pictures and statues of angels fill the pink-painted house.

Not satisfied, however, Ted is now turning his attention to his attic ballroom. There, he envisions a gigantic Christmas room full of games, Santas, more angels, and multiple sparkling garland-strung trees—Christmas morning captured all year long by a kid at heart.

See the table of contents in this issue for information on ordering your copy of *99 Historic Homes.*

No lazy bones

What do you do after wandering thousands of miles of unexplored territory, battling everything from sickness to starvation, and returning to civilized life a hero? If you're William E. Bratton, you settle in Waynestown and have 10 kids.

The Virginia native was a member of the Corps of Discovery, the group of four dozen intrepid souls who in 1804 joined Lewis and Clark's storied search for a water passage to the Pacific. With energy to spare, Bratton later fought in the War of 1812, served in the military out west, started a family, ran a

Tommy Kleckner

general store, farmed, took an interest in religion and education, and became his township's first Justice of the Peace when he finally settled in Montgomery County.

Now he's buried under a humble stone in Waynestown's pioneer cemetery, having a well-deserved rest. If only stones could talk.

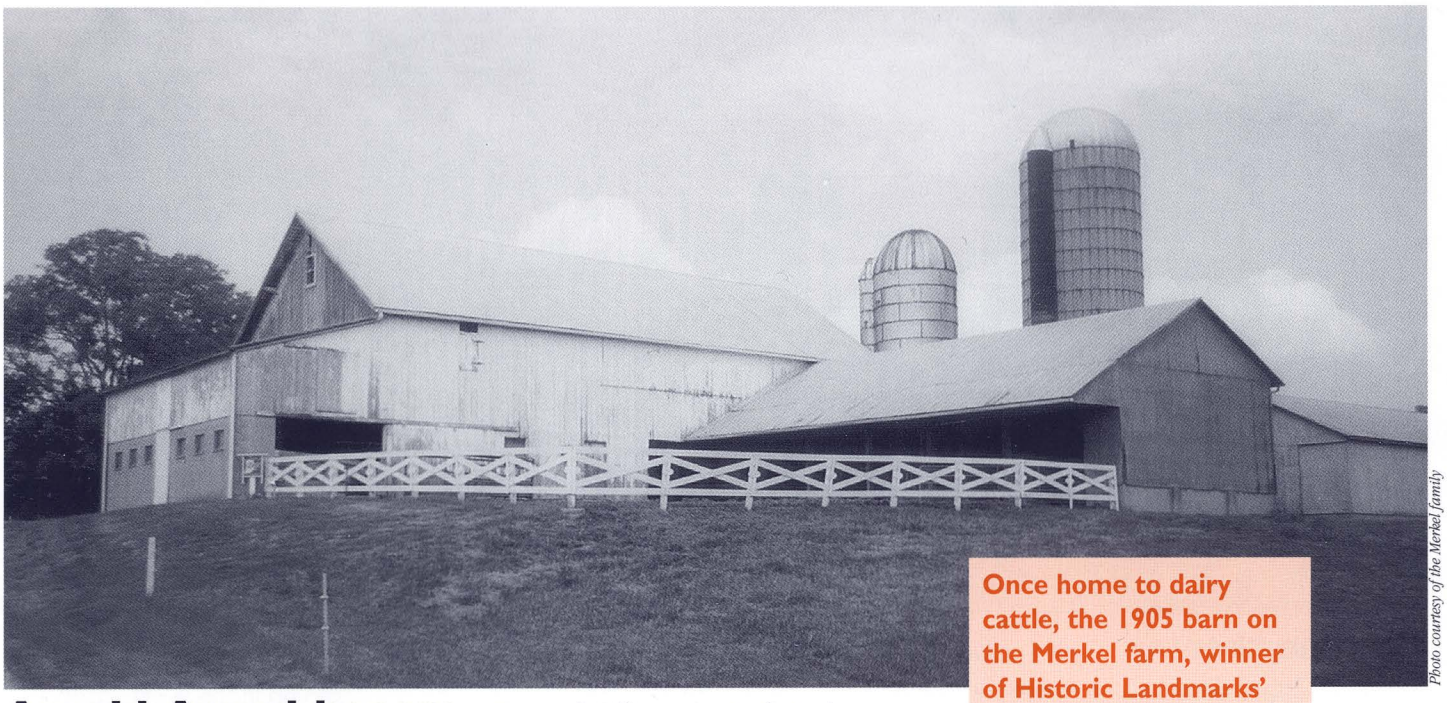


Photo courtesy of the Merkel family

Once home to dairy cattle, the 1905 barn on the Merkel farm, winner of Historic Landmarks' Arnold Award, now houses beef cattle. Like many barns in the Batesville area, its foundation is made of stones from a quarry that the family operated on the property a century ago, before turning it into a pond in 1945.

Arnold Award honors five-generation farm

Colleen Steffen, Editor, State Headquarters

Work and play were constants on the farm near Batesville where Fran Merkel grew up. Thirty-five dairy cows required milking twice a day, and hogs and chickens needed feeding. The barn and the granary and the toolshed and the other buildings wanted perpetual tending, and there was always hay to mow, corn and wheat to cultivate. But cousins came by often for games in the barn, ball in the yard, swims in the pond. Each of the 135 acres had a story that someone remembered, and often retold.

So when Fran inherited the 1872 farm from his father, which he had inherited from his father, and so on—five generations in all—he received more than property. Now, Historic Landmarks' John Arnold Rural Preservation Award honors the 61-year-old farmer and his wife, Carole, for the respect and care they devote to maintaining their historic farm.

"This is an outstanding example of a family-owned, self-supporting historic farmstead that has retained use of its historic agricultural structures in day-to-day farming," says Scott Zimmerman, director of Historic Landmarks' Eastern Regional Office. First Lady Judy O'Bannon joined Zimmerman as well as Eleanor Arnold and Mauri Williamson, members of Historic Landmarks' Rural Preservation Council, in presenting the award to the Merkels August 14 at the Indiana State Fair.

When Fran was barely a teenager, his father broke his back in a fall from a silo. As the oldest boy, Fran had to help his mother keep the farm afloat until his father recovered. Far from jading him to the farming life, the experience confirmed for Fran what he wanted to be.

Among the farm's century-old buildings, he grew up steeped in family history. Fran's great-great-grandfather Balthaser Merkel, a brewer and barrelmaker, bought the land for $2,650 in 1872 after immigrating from Germany. It passed from father to son, through the hands of Casper, Peter, and Herbert Merkel, before coming to Fran, who raised his own three boys there. His family members made all of the farm's buildings, using wood and rock found on the land.

The farmhouse in which Fran was raised with his two brothers and two sisters dates to the late 1800s. A two-story three-bedroom house, it underwent an addition of two rooms before Fran was born and a basement in 1949. Fran and his wife live in an 1840s log cabin adjoining the original farm now, on land purchased in 1962 after I-74 cut through Fran's family property and an industrial park settled nearby, bringing the unaccustomed sound of traffic. They rent out the farmhouse.

Fran remembers his great-uncle talking about helping raise the 1905 barn. The granary dates back to the 1880s or 1890s, according to Fran. Once the family stored their wheat there, but Fran just puts up hay these days and stores farm equipment there now. He keeps more equipment in the farm's 1930s tool shed, a small white-sided structure.

Though he had to earn the bulk of

This data on Nancy McCoskey wife of Robert Bratton should help you in the Bratton research.

Estelle Asher Bryson

Bratton Family

Larry Bratton
5896 Whippoorwill Hollow
Milford OH 45150-2444

October 31, 1995

Hello!

I recall writing you at least one time previously about your ancestor Robert Bratton. Unfortunately, I do not recall exactly when it was or what photocopies, if any, I may have sent you. Therefore, I am sending you a photocopy of the bibliography from Dorrel's *Index* which shows the sources and page numbers where Robert Bratton's name is listed.

I do not know whether you are aware of the correspondence of Mrs. Estelle Asher Bryson of Bertram Texas that this library has, but I have a feeling that perhaps you do. I believe Mrs. Bryson is deceased now, but she corresponded with Mrs. Robert I. Clark, a local genealogist. This correspondence mentions that a Robert C. Bratton was "born 15 April 1828, Indiana, died 8 December 1869, Texas, m. Ellen M. Gault." Is this the Robert C. Bratton to whom you are referring?

The above person had parents and siblings that lived in Travis county Texas, so perhaps he also lived there. It is the county where Austin is located. Have you written there?

However, as to the questions you posed in your letter of October 25th, I do not think any of them can help you with your Bratton research.

First, I have high-lighted the Vigo county histories that cover the years c.1800-1840 on the photocopy that I have enclosed in this letter. However, Robert Bratton isn't mentioned on very many pages and none of these give biographical information.

Second, the local genealogical society disbanded a few years ago, and I do not think that the Clay County Genealogical Society could help you with Bratton research but their address is P.O. Box 56, Center Point IN 47840. They don't have a telephone and their hours are 1-4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

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Third, Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Honey Creek twp. wasn't organized until 1835 and their records do not go back much before 1880 and even then are not well-organized or accessible, but you could write them at 3050 E. Davis Dr., Terre Haute IN 47802. The cemetery of Mt. Pleasant goes back to at least 1823, but the records for those early years were lost a long time ago, and Brattons aren't listed in any of the cemetery records that we do have.

Have you tried writing the Brattain/Bratton Family Association, 419 North Larchmont Blvd. Suite 277, Los Angeles, CA 90004 ?

The library can make photocopies of the sources cited in Dorrel's *Index* for 15 cents per page, plus postage, if you are interested.

David N. Lewis
SpC Research Ass't

5896 Whippoorwill Hollow
Milford, OH 45150-2444
October 25, 1995

Vigo County Public Library
1 Library Square
Terre Haute, Indiana 47803

Dear Sir:

I am currently undergoing research on my family history and was wondering if you could supply me with the following information:

1. A general history of Vigo County, Indiana for the years of 1810 to 1840.
2. The address of the Vigo County Genealogical Society or the closest Genealogical Society to the county.
3. The name and address of the church, which the people of Honey Creek Township attended during the years of 1810 to 1840. (I am searching for an original record on the date birth of Robert C. Bratton to confirm his birth date of 1828 and feel that old church records may have the information I need)

Enclosed is an SASE for your reply.

I appreciate any information you can give me. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Larry Bratton

Larry Bratton
Work (513)-948-6099
Home (513)-575-9857

Bratton Family

Larry Bratton
5896 Whippoorwill Hollow
Milford OH 45150

December 26, 1994

Thank you for your request concerning the Bratton family. I suppose you have checked all the Brattons in the 1850 Indiana census. None lived in Vigo county but many of them lived in counties that are close or rather close to Vigo. Of course, you are interested in Robert and Nancy McCoskey Bratton and they died presumably before 1840 and are not included in our Vigo county cemetery records because the stones probably disappeared or were illegible by 1950 or before when our records were compiled.

We have had other researchers inquire about this early Nancy M. Bratton. One of these is Mrs. Sidney McCoskey, 131 S. Zenobia, Denver CO 80219. Her husband was from Sullivan county originally. Others have come in over the last several years, but they did not leave their names or addresses. Recently we received a letter from Audrey Bratton Rice, 1416 - 97 Ave. S.W., Calgary, Alberta Canada, T2V OY7, inquiring about the Robert C. Bratton born in 1828.

I have enclosed a library research report but because of an overwhelming amount of correspondence we have had to limit the time we spend on letters such as yours. Item #3 indicates that Vigo county histories mentioned your Brattons and McCoskeys, but the references were not biographical and always contained insignificant information e.g. if they served on a petit jury or helped superintend the construction of a small bridge over Honey Creek, etc. Your problem is compounded because your Brattons moved to Texas before the Civil War. I suppose they were Confederates.

In 1971 a Mrs. Estelle Asher Bryson, Rt. 1, Box 97, Bertram TX hired Dorothy Clark, a Vigo county genealogist, to check Bratton references. This turned up items that indicated Robert Bratton and wife Nancy McCloskey were married in Franklin county KY, 3 July 1806. Do you have this information already? If not we can send you copies for two dollars. However, if you are wanting those relatively unimportant references to Brattons in the Vigo county histories, it would be an additional two dollars. Then, there is a tremendous amount of information on the McCoskeys, but not the earliest generation Nancy who died prior to 1838.

Your research would be facilitated by writing to Mrs. Bryson. However, she may have moved or died since our 1971 correspondence.

David N. Lewis
SpC Research Ass't

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DATE: Dec 21, 1994

VIGO CO. LIBRARY RESEARCH REPORT

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Bratton and McCoskey (McCluskey)

in response to your request of Dec 13, 1994.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
   Did not find ✓ Found _____

2. Surname File:
   Did not find _____ Found ✓ a Bratton family file

3. Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
   Did not find _____ Found Some references to Bratton and McCoskey

4. Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
   Did not find _____ Found ✓ John Bratton on June [illegible] (Bond, [illegible])

5. W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
   Did not find _____ Found ✓ 5 Bratton marriages 1) [illegible] 2) Sophia 3) Lizzie 4) Myrtle B. 5) William E. - but all occurred from 1904 or later

6. W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
   Did not find _____ Found ✓ Sadie Bratton, [illegible] died Feb 4, 1896.

7. Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
   Did not find ✓ Bratton ✓ Found ✓ Mary McCoskey [illegible] Nancy McCoskey Bratton

8. Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
   Did not find ✓ Bratton ~~Bratton~~ Found ✓ Some later generations McCoskeys

9. Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
   Did not find Vol. I - Bratton Vol. II - No Brattons Found Vol. I - Did find some McCoskeys Vol II - Mary Louise McCoskey - 2 mos buried Jan 10, 1917.

10. Census Index for the year _____:
    Did not find _____ Found 1820 Census (Vigo Co.) and 1830 ✓ a Robert Bratton in Franklin Co, [illegible]

Other: (also check other side)
And 1850 - Robert C. Bratton in Fayette Co. p. 190
" L. " " Montgomery Co. p. 494

SASE

5896 Whippoorwill Hollow
Milford, OH. 45150
December 12, 1994

Vigo County Public Library
1 Library Square
Terre Haute, Indiana 47803

Dear sir:

I am currently gathering information for research on my genealogy. It would be helpful if I could obtain cemetery records for my ancestors, Robert Bratton and Nancy McCoskey or McCluskey (Robert's wife). In 1834, the Robert and Nancy Bratton family removed from Kentucky to Honey Creek, Indiana. And it is rumored that Robert and Nancy passed away sometime before 1838.

Also, please check your marriage records for the marriage of Robert and Nancy's son, John Bratton, to Jane Land (or Lane) in 1834.

Information on Robert and Nancy's children would be most helpful. For your assistance, I have included information that I have available on the children below:

John Bratton (same above)	b. 1812, Kentucky; d. 1855, Texas
George Bratton	b. 1820, d. 1851
William Bratton	b. 1814, d. 1853
Robert C. Bratton Jr.	b. 1828, d. 1869, Texas
Nancy Eunice Bratton	b. 1832, d. 1898
Anna Solemnia Bratton	b. 1834, Portsmouth, Ohio; d. 1864

Any additional information on the the Bratton family will be greatly appreciated.
I have enclosed an SASE for your reply

Thank You

Sincerely,

Larry Bratton

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Bratton Family

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March 17, 1993

Copies of the Bratton family file and the marriage license of John Bratton and Jane Lane are enclosed. I am also sending research reports listing the sources I checked for the Brattons and Tilfords. As you can see, I did not find any references to the name Tilford in Vigo county.

I did find some references to Robert Bratton in the Vigo county histories but nothing that mentioned the date of his death. Our books of cemetery records were copied from the stones, and it's possible that his stone was destroyed long ago. However, I did not find an estate settlement for him. A search of the deeds might show his land being divided among heirs. The Vigo county deed records, along with some other courthouse records, were filmed by the LDS Church and could be borrowed through LDS Family History Centers.

Robert Bratton disappeared from the Vigo county census between 1830 and 1840. According to information from Mrs. Bill Bryson of Bertram TX, seven children of Robert and Nancy went to Texas in 1839. Since the youngest child would have been age five in 1839, I wonder if the parents went as well. There's one problem with that theory--Mrs. Bryson was also looking for information on their deaths. Perhaps they died en route.

Please send the library $2.68 for copies and postage.

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

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DATE: _____

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The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Brattan: Robert + Nancy (McCaskey)
in response to your request of 3-15-93.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
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(2.) Surname File:
Did not find _____ Found Brattan Family File

(3.) Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
Did not find _____ Found Brattan: J.E. - Bradsby p 834, John - Bradsby p 222; Louella (McJohnston) - Bradsby p 839 Robert - Beckwith p 480; Bradsby p 175, 222, 228, 242, 295, 298, 343 (over)

(4.) Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
Did not find _____ Found Brattan, John + Jane Lane 18 Sept. 1834

(5.) W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
Did not find _____ Found Some Brattan marriages after 1900 BK I p 200 - Clarence, Daphne, Lizzie, Myrtle B. + William E.

(6.) W.P.A. Index to Death Record, Vigo County, 1882-1920:
Did not find _____ Found Brattan, Sada - age 23 - 4 Feb. 1896 BK CH 45 p 72 + CH 48 p 3

(7.) Cemetery Records of Vigo County, Including All Born Prior to 1830 That Lived to Maturity:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

(8.) Cemeteries, Vigo County, Indiana (4 vols.):
Did not find ✓ Found _____

(9.) Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

(10.) Census Index for the year 1820 - 1840:
Did not find _____ Found 1820 - Brattan, Robert - Vigo Co p 188
1830 - Bratton, Robert - Vigo Co p 124
1840 - No Bratton / Brattan in Vigo Co

(Other:) (also check other side)
Index to Settled Estates Guardianships - No Brattons before 1860

3. Bratton, Robert - Marble vol 1 p 38 & 58
Clark p 103

Braton, Joseph - Bradsby p 431

Brattin, Doris (Falls) - Cronin p 207

" Dudley - " "

" Harriet (McClelland) - " "

" Harry - Wabash Valley p 70

" Harry A. - Cronin p 207 & 208

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The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surnames of: Tilford

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(2.) Surname File:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

(3.) Vigo County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
Did not find ✓ Found _____

(4.) Vigo County, Indiana, Marriage Licenses from 1818 to 1850:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

(5.) W.P.A. Index to Marriage Record, Vigo County, 1840-1920:
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Did not find ✓ Found _____

(9.) Woodlawn Cemetery, Terre Haute, Vigo County IN, Index of Burials Vol. 1 1839-1899 vol. 2 1900-March 1983:
Did not find ✓ Found _____

(10.) Census Index for the year 1820 - _____:
Did not find _____ Found 1820 - No Tilfords in Vigo Co.
Tilford, Alexander - Clark Co p 24
" Alex - Jefferson Co p 280A
" David - Clark Co p 47
" James - " " p 46
" John - " " p 29
" Samuel Jefferson Co p 281

(over)

Other: (also check other side)

#10 1830 - No Tilfords in Vigo Co

Tilford, Alexander - Clark Co p 52
" Alexr - Jefferson Co p 194
" David - " " p 248
" Nancy - Franklin Co p 634
" Preston - Monroe Co p 264
" Robert - Clark Co p 50
" " Washington Co p 640
" Samuel - Clark Co p 98

1840 - No Tilfords in Vigo Co

Tilford, Caleb - Clinton Co p 702
" David - Jefferson Co p 294
" Elenor - " p 395
" J. M. - " p 272
" Jeff - Jackson Co p 33
" John - Clark Co p 483
" John S. - Johnson Co p 519
" Preston - Jefferson Co p 395
" Robert - Clark Co p 485
" " Washington Co p 227
" Samuel - Jefferson Co p 383
" Wm H - - Monroe Co p 191

Sent $5.00

Apr. 15, 1993

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c/o Genealogy Librarian

Dear Nancy Sherrill,

Thanks a million for the Bratton family file and the other information you sent to me on March 17th. It is amazing that after 20 years there the information was in the library. But of course as the saying goes-"a day late and a dollar short". As of present , I have unable to locate Mrs Byrson. But just yesterday received a possible let to a cousin that lives in Texas.

Enclosed you will find a check for the copies and postage plus extra for the "slush" fund. We plan to be in Terre Haute the second week of Sept. and will of course spend a day with you.

Thanks again for your kind help. It has always been a pleasure to deal with the Genealogy department of your library.

Sincerely,

Sydne

Sydne McCoskey
131 S. Zenobia
Denver, CO 80219

Bradsby's HISTORY OF VIGO COUNTY,IND.

p.178-Robert Bratton listed as having registered "estray" mark at courthouse between 1818-1823..,.in the list for year 1818.

p.222-R.B. sold to Samuel Moore, Mar.29,1829, N½ of SW¼ Sec.30 T11 R9

p.228-R.B. sold to John F.Cruft, Apr.17,1830, N½ of SW¼ Sec.30 T11 R9

p.292-R.B. selected as petit juror for year 1819

p.295-R.B. chosen Grand Juror, 1823

p.298-R.B. appt to superintend bridge to be built "over Honey Creek..."Jan.,1826

p.343-R.B. appt security on estate of Alanson Church, May term special court,1819

p.431-Joseph Braton listed in 1835 censas of Terre Haute as: 1 male over 10
3 females over 10
1 male under 10

p.822- biog sketch of Wm.I.Law who m.1886 Miss Cora Lane,dau of Dr.Joseph and Sarah(McAdams)Lane, of Irish descent. Dr.Lane physician in T.H., d.1884, mother still living in TH in 1892 when county history was printed. Cora was second in family of four.

Beckwith's HISTORY OF VIGO & PARKE COUNTIES,IND.

p.480-Robert Bratton mentioned in history of Honey Creek Twp..."in the southeast part of the twp were Daniel Solesby, Robert Bratton and John and Robert McCoskey, about 1822." Note: above shows Robert Bratton here as early as 1818, but possibly did not settle in Honey Creek Twp. until 1822.

p.494-lists Dr.Lane(above mentioned) as living in Prairie Creek Twp.

<u>Vigo Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions</u>

lists none of name Bratton

lists Lane, James d.Aug.20,1894
m. Elija J. b. 1818; d. 1901 this was in the Gray Cemetery, Lost Creek Twp. near the Old National Road

I also searched an excellent genealogy POUND & KESTER FAMILIES which frequently is a source for families intermarried in the southern part of Vigo County.

There was no mention of any Bratton names.

THOMAS LITTLE
546 ACRES
MERCER CO. KY.

Beverley Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

To all to whom these presents shall come Greetings: Know ye that by virtue and in consideration of part of a Land Office Treasury Warrant No. 11399, issued the 24th day of September 1782, there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto Thomas Little, a certain tract or parcel survey, bearing date the 3rd day of February 1789, lying and being in the County of Mercer, on the waters of the South fork of Big Bensons Creek, and bounded as followeth, To wit: Beginning at the intersection of Smith's line with Bennet, again and white oak trees, thence North with Smith's line three hundred and forty six poles crossing a branch to two Sugar trees and two mulberries on Slaughters line, and with the same East two hundred and ten poles crossing a branch to a maple and two dogwood saplings, thence South three hundred and eighty poles to a hickory, white anoak and poplar, on Boons line, thence with his line South sixty degrees West one hundred and sixty poles to a hickory and two dogwood saplings corner to Bennet, and with his line, North thirty degrees West one hundred and forty poles to the Beginning; with its appurtenances. To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances, to the said Thomas Little and his heirs forever; In Witness whereof the said Beverley Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and caused the lesser seals of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on the tenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, and of the Commonwealth the fifteenth.

Beverley Randolph

Bratton Data from Mrs. Bill Bryson, Rt. 1 Box 97..Bertram, Texas 78605

Dorothy J Clark
2032 No 8th St
Terre Haute, IN 47804

Four Bratton brothers came to America from Donegal, Ireland in 1733, with the so called Scotch-Irish, but family tradition claim they were native Itish.

1. SAMUEL remained in Mifflin Co. Pa. ...(1790 census of Pa. also names from a book called, Susquehanna and Juanita Valleys)

2. James was in Augusta Co. Va. by 1744, perhaps several years earlier. died in Augusta Co. Va. 1776, leaving wife Elizabeth, oldest son John with wife Ann. (they were in Madison Co. Ky in1795) other sons were William, Peter and James Jr. James Jr. lived in Montgomery Co. Va. where he married Dorothy Fleming in 1800 James died in 1814 leaving three children; Ann C. Malvina and Cary Bratton.

4. William Both Chalkey and Draper; 1756 Feb. William Bratton, at Ft. Vause Prisoner returned- escaped.
National Archives has a record of Sgt.-Maj. William Bratton-Broughton that served in the Burgoyne campain with the 11th of foot, under Col. Daniel Morfan, was wounded, furloughed to Va., returned and discharged soon after. His pay was received June 12, 1786 by Ans. Woodson. No other record on him.

Morton; "and the sons of the fourth brother went to South Carolina!
Aiken: " trree sons of another brother went to South Carolina."

Abr. Com. Amer. Gen. First Families of Amer. Vol. 3; list Col. William Bratton, of York District, South Carolina as a nephew of Capt. Robert Bratton of Augusta Co. Va.
Col. William Bratton, York Dis. S. C. was on Gen. Thomas Sumers staff in Rev. War.

Brattonsville, S. C. on Highway 322 between Rock Hill and McConnells S. C....historical marker;

Here settled William, Robert and Thomas Bratton . These three brothers fought in the Rev. War. One quarter mile east of here at James Williamsonss was fought a battle on July 12, 1780. About 260 patriots led by Col. William Bratton and Capt. James McClure defeated about 900 Tories led by Capt. Christian Houk and Col. Ferguson.

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3. Robert Draper has Robert Bratton on a list of landowners in 1744
He was 60 years old 20 May 1772 was still a militia Capt. in Rev.

married Anna MacFarlane b Scotland 1718 first marriage to Capt. Alexander Dunlap, Capt of horse, dec. 1744
3 sons by first marriage 1.John Dunlap m Ann Clark (Virginia)
2. Ann Dunlap m Robert Bratton(son of Capt. James Bratton)
3. Ensign Robert Dunlap killed in battle Guilfort Court House
4. Alexander Dunlap Jr. settled in Woodfort Co. Ky.

children of Robert and Ann M. D. Bratton;

CONT.

Children of Robert and Anna M. D. Bratton

1. James Bratton b 1746 d 1828 lived at Rock Rest, Bath Co. Va. Militia capt. in battle of Guilfort Court House, later became Maj.
married Rebecca Hogshead

their children;

A- Robert b 1776 d 1833 Clark Co. Ky.
m 1800
Ann Dunlap b 1768 d 1850
4 sons James dec in Va....John removed to Mo. ..David Hogshead remained in Ky....William lived at Adri,. Mo.

B- David Bratton b 1776 moved to Ky.
m Dec. 14 1799 in Augusta Co. Va.
Agnes Kirk

C- William Bratton b 1782 in Va. d 20 Mar. 1862 Montgomery Co. Ind.
m 1812 in Va.
Mary Gambral Berry d 26 Oct. 1868 both are buried in Union Cem. 3 miles south of Mace, Ind. on St. Rd. #34 now 126
They were the parents of nine children.
They moved to Ind. in 1832.

D- John Bratton b 7 Apr. 1793 d 5 Feb. 1866 Walnut Twnsh. Mont. Co. I
m 17 Sept. 1818 Va.
Polly G. Berry (sister to Mary G)
They were parents of 11 children

E- Nancy Agnes b 2 Apr. 1787 d 18 Sept. 1824 (Bratton Cem 6 mi. east Millboro, Va.)
m 4 July 1811 in Va.
John Porter (moved with brother-in lawWilliam Bratton to Montgomery County Ind. in 1832)

F- Margaret Bratton m William Crawford, went to Ind. 1832

G- Rebecca Bratton m John McClung remained in Va.

H- Andrew Sitlington Bratton b 1799 d 1881
m 1829
Mary Jane Tillford McKee lived at Rock Rest
4 sons James L....Andrew S.

I- Lewis Bratton b 1801 b 1838
m 1833
Martha Dunlap
2 children

2. Nancy Agnes Bratton b 1747 d 1827
~~m 1764~~
William Given
named her oldest son Robert

3. Mary Bratton died single

4. Adam Bratton b 1750 d 1800 remained in Virginia
m 1st Agnes Givens
m 2nd Elizabeth Feamster in 1788
8 children

5. John Bratton b 1756 went to Ky. bought land in Warren Co 1805
could be the John Bratton on p.45 and up on Green Co. Census 1810 Ky census

MINE → 6. George Bratton b Augusta Co. Va. ---- d Warren Co. Kky Oct. 1819
birth date not known...could have been between Nancy Agnes 1747 and Adam 1750

m
Jane ? on deed records is Jean (thought could be Elliott)

Augusta Co. Va. records
George Bratton appointed Constable, Aug. 16 , 1780
" ", Qualified Lieutenant, May 22, 1782(Record in Va. State Lib)
" " named as son in Capt. Robert Bratton's will, given land on Jackson s River, then Augusta Co. became Bath Co. in 1790
Two court records states that in April 1799 and Sept. 1798 George Bratton was living in Kentucky.
Two tax lists of Fayette Co. Ky. list him as tax payer in 1789-1798
He is on tax list in Warren Co. Ky in 1797...there are a good many records in Warren Co. Ky. on George Bratton:
George Bratton children;

A1- Archibald Bratton b 6 April 1780 Augusta Co. Va. d 1 Oct. 1845 in Waynetownship, Montgomery, Co. Ind. buried with his wife in Pioneer (Old Town) Cem. at east edge of Waynetown, Ind.
m 13 May 1813 Warren Co. Ky.
Elizabeth Maxwell (Betsy) d 2 Sept. 1861 aged 73 y. 2 mo. 26 d.
no list of children

B- William E. Bratton b 1778 Augusta Co. Va. d 11 Nov. 1841 in Montgomery Co. Waynetownship, Ind. buried with wife in Pioneer Cem. near his brother Archibold on his stone is; Wm. E. Bratton, went 1804 with Lewis and Clark, to the Rocky Mountain. none of the records he left in Ky. have an E. in them, it is said he started using the E. to avoid confusion with his cousin the William Bratton in Walnut Twp. Have more data on Wm.
m
Mary Maxwell
they had 7 sons and 3 daughters see page 15

C- Jane Bratton
m 1810 Warren Co. Ky.
Aaron Lewis

MINE → D- Robert Bratton b c 1774 Augusta Co. Va. d ?
came to Ky with Daniel Boone
m 3 July 1806 Franklin Co. Ky
Nancy McCoskey b ? d ?
their known children;

Robert Bratton and Nancy McGoskey children:

1. John Bratton b 8 Aug. 1812..Franklin Co. Ky. d 11 Oct 1855 Travis Co. Tex
   m ? Terre Haute Ind.
   Jane Lane b 6 Oct. 1813 Terahaute, Ind. d 10 Feb. 1906 " " "
   her parents not known
   their children;
   a-William Henry 1837 Ind.
   b- Anetta Jane 5 June 1839 La.
   c- Elizabeth Mary 1841 Tex.
   d- James A. 1843 "
   e- Rachel Ann 4 Mar. 1849 " m. 1871 Levi Asher (my grandfather)
   f- Robert 13 July 1851 "
   g- Annie Solemna 13 Oct. 1853 "
   h- John A. 31 March 1856 "

2. William Bratton b 1814 Vigo Co. Ind. d 29 July 1852 Travis Co Texas
   m 1852
   Mrs. Amanda Walker Bratton

3. George Bratton b 1820 Ind. d 30 Mar. 1851 Travis Co. Texas
   m 1847
   Amanda Walker

4. Elizabeth Bratton b 1823 Ind.
   m 30 Mar. 1844 Travis Co. Texas
   Louis Capt.

5. Robert C. Bratton b 15 Apr. 1828 Ind. d 8 Dec. 1869 Texas
   m
   Ellen M. Gault

6. Nancy Eunice Bratton b 25 July 1832 Ind d 11 Feb. 1898 Travis Co. Texas
   m 1852
   James Rogers

7. Anna Solemnia Bratton b 19 Apr. 1834 Ind. d 12 Apr. 1864 Travis Co. Tex
   m 3 Sept. 1851 Travis Co. Texas
   Francis Ashbury Robey

These children of Robert and Nancy Bratton's came to Texas in 1839

their parents and perhaps other children were perhaps buried in Ind....I listed the children of John and Jane Lane above so you could see the date of their children's births ..from this I would say they came to Texas in the summer of 1839..child no 2 Annettta Jane was born acording to census records in Louisana..Iwould say enroute to Texas.

Estelle Asher Bryson
april - 1971

10.00
Robert I. Clark

Bertram, Texas
April 25, 1971

Mrs. Robert I. Clark
2032 North Eighth Street
Terre Haute, Indiana 47804

Dear Mrs. Clark:

I would like for you to help me with some Bratton research, I am a family researcher and have never used professional help so I am hoping that the information I am enclosing will be of some help to you. I had the extra copies of the McCoskey material also Little..I have friends who do professional work and they are always glad to get any material. I have tried to outline the Bratton line as I have it...Mrs. Bonnie Baird of 625 Beecher St. Louisville,Kentucky, 40215 sent me a great deal of material on the Bratton family, I wish I had made extra copies of all that she sent, I would send it along too, but I believe the outline will be of help to you. If you would like to have anything more let me know.

First I would like the marriage record of John Bratton and Jane Lane it should be about 1835 or 1836 in Vigo Co. Ind.

2. Any record of Robert Bratton's death, will ect. date of death and date and burial place of wife Nancy McCoskey Bratton.

3. Any data that would give me Jane Lane's parents....she spoke often of a sister in law Sarah who lived in Ind.

I am enclosing a check for $10.00, let me know how you get along and about how much more time you will have to spend in getting these items.

I wrote Franklin Co. Ky. for Robert Bratton and Mary McCoskey marriage record..never any answer. Hate to send money again, some answer in return mail.

Happy Hunting,

Estelle Asher Bryson
Mrs. Bill Bryson

Bertram, Texas
March 22, 1971

Mrs. Dorothy J. Clark
Professional Genealogist
2032 North 8th Street
Terre Haute, Ind. 47804

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Recently I wrote your County Clerks office in regard to a marriage record on JOHN BRATTON and JANE LANE they were married about 1836, they returned my request and money with your address suggesting that I contact you.

The Brattons....Robert Bratton and wife Nancy McCloskey were married in Franklin, County Ky. 3 July 1806..they moved to Vigo County, Ind. about 1813...the above John Bratton was their son, he was born in Franklin Co. Ky. 8 August 1812....Jane Lane was born near Terre Haute 6 Oct. 1813...do not know her parents...John Bratton and Jane Lane Bratton came to Texas about 1839... with them were John's brothers and sisters...William Bratton b 1814, George Bratton b 1820, Robert Bratton b 15 April 1828. Nancy Eunice b 25 July 1832 Anna Solemnia b 19 Apr. 1834..also Elizabeth b about 1824.

I have more data but do need the marriage record of John and Jane Lane, also would like any will or probate record on the parents..Robert and Nancy who must have died between 1834 and 1839...any death record ...have some deed data that states they were living in Honey Creek Twp. Vigo Co, Ind.

How do I get a certified marriage record ect. from your County? What is the cost of records and search?

Mrs. Bill Bryson
Rt. 1 Box 97
Bertram, Texas
78605

not in P&K

Mar 26-71
3-10
gave Beckwith ref p. 480
and Bradsby index by name only
Sugg: M. Lic
Wills
Probate
Land records

JOHN McCOSKEY (date and place of birth and marriage unknown) Died 1813, Franklin Co., Ky. Married NANCY LITTLE born (date unknown) County Down, Ireland. Buried Hull Cemetery, Vigo County, Ind. (date unknown) Her parents were THOMAS and MARY (CAMPBELL) LITTLE.

Their children were:
Mary b. 1775 m. Jan. 16, 1797 in Franklin Co., Ky. d. Washington Co., Ind. Married to Phillip Stucker

Sally m. ___ Telford

Thomas Campbell b. Nov. 11, 1801 Ky. m. Aug. 25, 1820 Vigo Co., Ind. Ruth Kester; d. March 8, 1875 Ruth Kester

Betsy ,m. Dec. 29, 1806 Franklin Co., Ky. Benoni Armstrong

James b. Nov. 24, 1782; m. Dec. 12, 1802 Franklin Co., Ky. Mary Arbuckle; d. April 20, 1863 Washington Co., Ind.

Nancy m. July 3, 1806 Franklin Co., Ky. Robert Bratton.

Jenny

Margaret Jane b. Jan, 18, 1797 Va.; m. April 28, 1814 Samuel McWhorter Young; d. April 12, 1863 Vigo,Co., Ind.

Ann

John Little m. Margaret Gilcrease

Joseph m. (1)Rachel Hickson (2) 1835 Permelia Pickard.

Robert m. Nancy Eunice Young

(Note from Miss Barbee: There is one early marriage record book missing inWashington Co., Ind. I believe that some of the above were married in that county, the others in Franklin Co., Ky.)

THOMAS LITTLE b. 1740 Scotland; m. Ireland; d. Dec. 5, 1814 Franklin Co., Ky. m. MARY CAMPBELL b. Ireland; d. March 25, 1801.
Their children were:
MOLLY b. Ireland; m. Rockbridge Co., Va.
NANCY b. Ireland; m. John McCoskey
Sally b. Ireland; m. May 23, 1790 Robert Roland in Mercer Co., Ky.
JOHN b. Ireland m. 1791 Mercer Co., Ky. Elotorella McBride
PEGGY b. Va.; m. 1791 Mercer Co., Ky. Thomas Ayers
JANE b. Ireland; m. 1797 Mercer Co., Ky. Joseph Prewitt; d. June 11, 1835
Thomas b. Va. m. Dec. 23, 1812 Mercer Co., Ky. Nancy Hope
ALEXANDER b. Va.; m. July 26, 1800 Franklin Co., Ky. Rachel Robinson; d. Feb. 14, 1880 Hendricks Co., Ind.

NANCY McCODKEY
to
Daniel Soesby
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 2-Pg. 333
9-27-1826
Sec. 27 T. 11; R. 9; 80 acres

NANCY McCOSKEY
to
ROBERT McCOSKEY
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 2-Pg.374
1-6-1827
E½ of SW¼; Sec. 27; T. 11; R 9; 80 acres

NANCY McCOSKEY
to
JOSEPH McCOSKEY
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 2-Pg. 375
1-6-1827
N½ of NE¼; Sec. 27; T. 11; R 9; 80 acres

JOSEPH McCOSKEY
TO
NANCY McCOSKEY
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 2-pg. 375
1-6-1827
N½ of NE¼; SEc. 27; T. 11; R 9; 80 acres

NANCY McCOSKEY
to
THOS. McCOSKEY
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 2-pg.376
1-6-1827
S½ of NE¼; Sec. 27; T. 11; R. 9; 80 acres

THOMAS McCOSKEY
TO
NANCY McCOSKEY
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 2-pg. 376
1-6-1827
S½ of NE¼; Sec. 27; T. 11; R. 9; 80 acres

ROBERT McCOSKEY
to
NANCY E. McCOSKEY
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 5-pg. 120
7-80k835
E.½ of SW¼; Sec. 27; T. 11; R. 9; 80 acres

ROBERT BRATTON
to
ROBERT BRATTON
Vigo county, Indiana
Bk. 4-pg. 410
12-6-1834
NW¼; Sec. 27; T. 11; R. 9; 160 acres

JOHN BRATTON
TO
Daniel Pound
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 6-Pg. 487
NW¼; Sec. 27; T. 11; R. 9; 160 acres
4-1-1839

ROBERT BRATTON
to
John Tryon
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 4-pg. 401
11-20-1834
Sec. 27; T. 11; R. 9; 20 acres

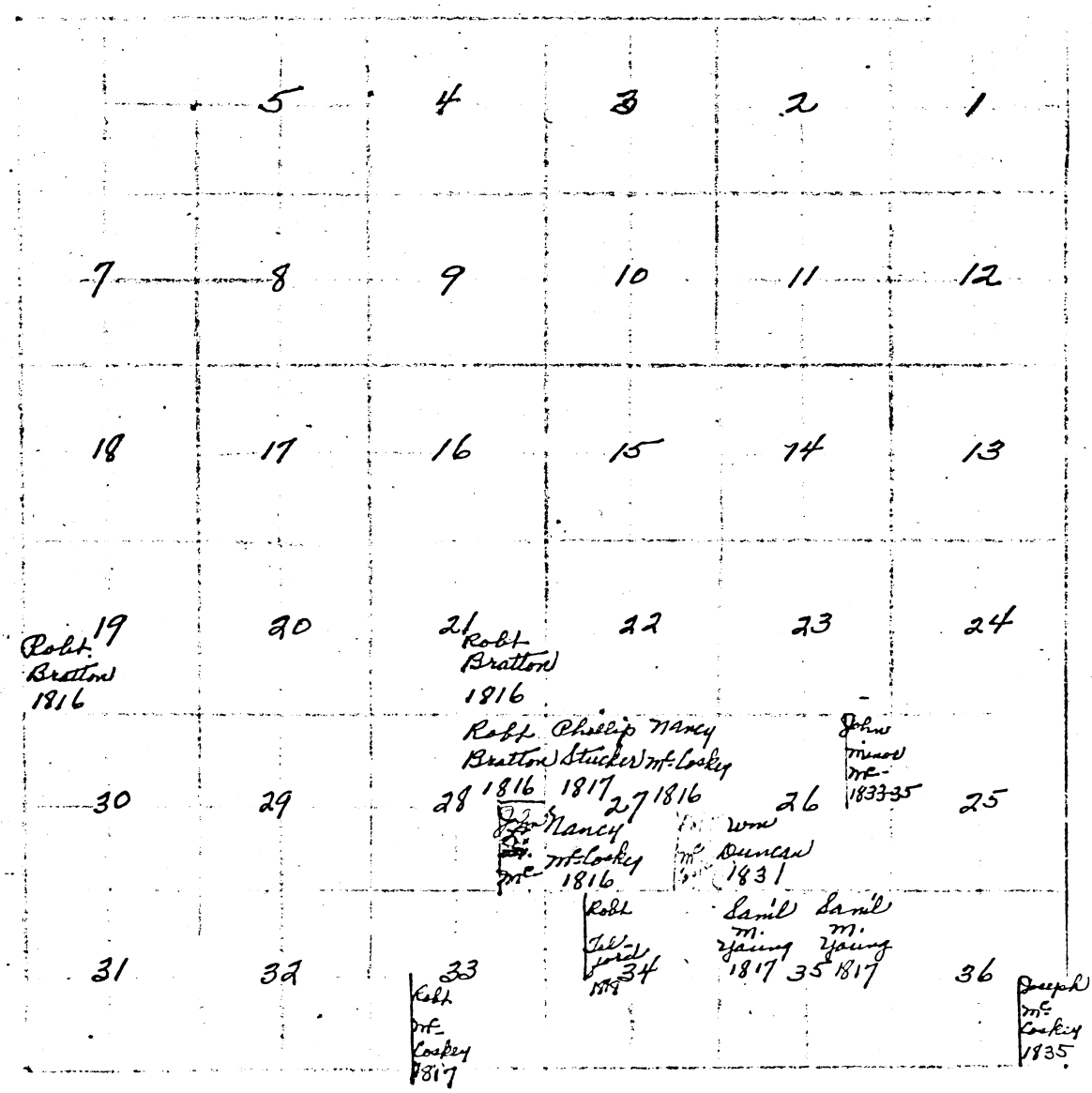
ROBERT BRATTON
to
JOHN BRATTON
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 4-Pg. 410
12-6-1834
Nw¼; Sec. 27; T. 11R. 9; 160 acres

ROBERT BRATTON
to
JOHN F. CRUFT
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 2-Pg. 121
4-22-1829
S½ of SW¼; Sec. 30; T. 11; R. 9; 80acres

ROBERT BRATTON
to
Samuel Moore
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 2; pg. 245
4-22-1830
N½ of Nw¼; Sec. 30; T. 11; R. 9; 80 acres

ROBERT McCOSKEY
to
NANCY McCOSKEY
Vigo County, Indiana
Bk. 2-Pg. 374
1-6-1827
E½ of SW¼; Sec. 271 T. 11; R 9; 80 acres

Honey Creek Twp - Vigo County, Indiana



Nancy McCoskey:

Children —

Mary McCoskey m. Phillip Stucker

Margaret Jane McCoskey m. Samuel McWhorter Young

Sarah (Sally) McCoskey m. Robert Telford

Joseph McCoskey m. (1st) [illegible] Rachel Hilton

John Little McCoskey m. [illegible]

WILL OF JOHN McCOSKEY*
Will BOOK-PAGE 106-FRANKLIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

In the name of God Amen, Sept. 21, 1813
I John Mcosky of Franklin County State of Kentucky
Being of sound mind and memory (thanks be to God therefor)
But being in a low state of bodily health and knowing
that it is appointed for men once to die do make constitute and ordain this my last will and testament 1st I
commend my love to God who gave it trusting in his mercy
through Jesus Christ 2nd I commit my body to the dust
to be buried in a christian like manner at the descration
of my family and as for the worldly goods which I poses
I despose of in the following manner towit, I give and
bequeath unto my lawful and loving wife-Nancy Mcrosky
one hundred acres of land being the west side of a
quarter section which I entered in Harrison County Indiana I give and bequeath to my loving son Robert
Mcrosky ten acres of the above one hundred as long as
he shall chuse to live on it to be Land of where his
mother thinks proper and at her death or marriage and
Robert leaves the ten acres then the said one
hundred acres of land shall go to my son Joseph
Mcrosky and his heirs forever the balance of said quarter
section of land I give and bequeath to my loving son John
Little Mcrosky to him and his heirs forever. Then I give and bequeath also unto my beloved wife Nancy all my personal property and it is my will and desire that she shall
pay unto my loving daughter-Mary Stucker one dollar to
Sally Telford one dollar to Betsy Armstrong one dollar
to my loving son James Mcrosky one dollar to Nancy Britton
one dollar to be paid twelve months after my decease to
Jenny Mcrosky one feather bed and bedding one cow and
calf when she calls for them and one horse beast to be
valued at forty dollars or forty dollars cash to be paid
within six years after my decease to my daughter Peggy
Mcrosky one cow and calf when demanded also a horse
beast to be valued at forty dollars cash or forty dollars
in cash to be paid within seven years from my decease
to my daughter Ann Mcrosky one dollar to be paid one year
after my decease it is my will that my Thomas Campbell
Mcrosky shall be put to a trade and after he is free it
is my will that his mother shall pay him a horse beast
worth forty dollars or forty dollars in cash and if anything of a providential nature should prevent or render
him unfit to aquire a trade in that case he is to have
an equal share of the one hundred acres of land with his

brother Joseph Mcrosky to him and his heirs forever and I do hereby nominate ordain and apoint my loving wife Nancy Mcrosky my son John Mcrosky and Robert Telford to be the executors and executrix of this my last will and testament and do hereby revoke and disanul all other wills heretofore made----------
----------to be paid within seven years from decease between the twelfth and the tenth----------

Signed in the presence of
John Magill
John Reading
Robert Armstrong

John his X mark Mcrosky

Franklin County Court November Term 1813
The last will and testament of John Mcrosky deceased was produced in court and proven by oathes of John Magill and John Reading subscribing witnesses thereto as the last will and testament of said John Mcrosky and therupon it is ordered to be recorded.
Whereupon Nancy Mcrosky and John Mcrosky two of the executors therin named came into court and agreed to undertake the burthen of the execution therof and took the oathe required by law and entered into bond with John Magill and John Reading their securities in the penalty of five hundred dollars conditioned as the law directs.

Fleming Trigg Clk.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED D.A.R. ON THE ANCESTRY OF THOMAS LITTLE.

Mrs. Laura Pearson Esarey	Nat. #260252
Mrs. Ida Bushong Hinshaw	Nat. #274249
Mrs. Marguerite Tatlock Brown	Nat. #374831
Mrs. Anna Sullivan	Nat. #277886
Miss Rula E. Barbee	Nat. #407626
Mrs. Dorothy J. McCoskey Halstead	Nat. #422761
Mrs. Maxine Boyll Minderman	Nat. #458107
Mrs. Dorthie Mae Boyll Poe	Nat. #458108
Mrs. Jane Goldsmith Werneke	Nat. #458109

References used for service;

Vol. 10, Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, page 296, (This is a record of "Public Service" which shows that one Thomas Little supplied Pack Horses to carry lead.)

Eckenrode, (1912), page 272.(This is a reference to a payroll)

THE HISTORY OF THE LITTLE FAMILY

BY

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CARTERSBURG, INDIANA

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Plainfield, Indiana

PREFACE

I always thought that a history of the Little family would be of sufficient interest to justify some one of the family to make the attempt to write it up before the older members are dead, and the history lost. I have urged the matter for a number of years, but could not succeed in getting anyone to take much interest in the matter. And as a last resort, I concluded to make the attempt myself. My history may not be perfect, but I am sure it is as near correct as it is possible to write under the circumstances. It has required a good deal of time and labor to untangle the information we have and get it in line. All I ever hoped to accomplish was to commence by giving the earliest history, and then bring it down to Alexander Little's family with the hope that each family would continue their branch of the Alexander Little tree, independent of the other families. It would not be expected that I would be able to continue the story further down than the history of Alexander Little's family, from the fact that the matter w would become very complicated. I hope that none will think that my history is personal. I claim no credit myself: I am only transmitting information that I received from Aunt Anna McKnight. She had a remarkable memory: she seemed never to have forgotten anything she ever learned about the family from her early childhood. Her grandfather, Thomas Little, it is stated, took a great interest in relating to the younger set, reminiscences of his early life, and Anna was a great listener-never forgot what grandfather told her in his Scottish brogue. She was a good talker and her mind was well stored. She took a great delight in relating to interested persons things that transpired in pioneer days. I have listened to her for hours with great interest. A short time before her death I prevailed on her to put in manuscript all she remembered about the early history of the Little family. It was written in a very disconnected manner, but quite comprehensive, so I offer no apology for writing a history of the Little family.

James Alexander Little.

THE HISTORY OF THE LITTLE FAMILY

Thomas Little was born in Scotland in 1740, and died in Franklin county, Kentucky, Dec. 5, 1814. His forefathers were of old Presbyterian stock. They left Scotland and went to Ireland because they were persecuted and were compelled to pay taxes for the support of the church. They believed that everyone should be allowed religious liberty and worship according to the dictates of their conscience. The same reason that caused the pilgrim Fathers to cross to America on the Mayflower was the reason they left Scotland and went to Ireland. They were expecting to find more religious freedom, but they were disappointed. They found the same laws confronting them that caused them to leave Scotland. We have no account of any of the family leaving Ireland, excepting Thomas, who grew to manhood and married an Irish girl. In the course of time they had eight children, who were all born in Ireland but three; they were born in Virginia. They became dissatisfied in Ireland and resolved to try and make their way to America. They were in humble circumstances and could not raise enough money to pay their passage across the ocean, so they were compelled to make a great sacrifice. The law at that time allowed emigrants to sell or bind one of the family as security until the debt was paid. So they sold Mary, their eldest child. They settled in Rockbridge county, Virginia and it was not long until the remainder of the debt was paid and Mary set at liberty. Virginia was a new country and they had very trying times. The country was a vast wilderness and but little land had been cleared. Wild animals, such as bear, deer and turkey, were plentiful. The country was but thinly settled. The Indians were bold and savage. They would steal the settlers horses. The white people had to gather together in forts as a matter of protection.

Thomas and family remained a number of years in Virginia and then moved to Mercer county, Kentucky. They had no wagons, so they crossed over the mountains on pack horses. Large sacks with a pocket in each end were thrown across the horses with hoops to hold the pockets open. Two or more children were stowed in each pocket with their heads sticking out on either side. A larger child rode astride to guide the horse and a small one rode behind. It seems strange in this day, but I suppose

such scenes were common in those days. The family all left Virginia and went to Mercer county, Kentucky, excepting Mary. She got married and there is no account of her leaving Virginia. The names of Thomas Little's sons and daughters were Mary, Nancy, Jane, Sally, Thomas, John, Betsy and Alexander. Nancy married John McCaskey. Sally married Robert Roland. John married Betsy McBride. Peggy married Thomas Ayers. Jane married Joseph Prewitt, who died in Mercer county, Ky., May 1836. Thomas Little and wife and Alexander and John McCasky moved to Franklin county, Ky. Alexander married Rachael Robinson. They all remained in Mercer county many years and all died there but Nancy, Sally and Alexander. Sally went to Boone county, Missouri and died there.

Thomas Little and wife and younger child, Alexander moved to Franklin county, Ky. Thomas spoke with a Scottish brogue. His wife's maiden name was Mary Campbell. Alexander Little married Rachel Robinson. Her Mother married a man of Irish descent by the name of McCopin, but her maiden name was Ann Little. Her lineage ran back to the Thomas Little family in Scotland where they were distantly related. It was a strange coincident, but it just happened so. Ann came direct to America from Scotland without any knowledge of the Thomas Little family, who came to America by way of Ireland, where they settled when they left Scotland. So the Little family of America are inbred Scotch-Irish stock. Alexander Little once owned a slave in Kentucky. He took him on a debt, and then set him free. The old negro was cooper by trade. Alexander Little moved to Washington couty, Indiana. He bought land and built a double room log house. His land lay just to the northwest of Canton, which was laid off after he went there. The old house has not been torn down very long. I saw it several years ago and the port holes were yet to be seen where they could shoot out at Indianas in case of an attack. I am in possession of the gun rack that Alexander Little made, that was nailed over the door with nails made by a blacksmith. The place was known as the Robert Green farm. When Alexander Little settled there the Indians were quite troublesome for several years. There was a militia organized and Alexander Little was a Lieutenant and afterwards a Major. He was elected Associate Judge and served one or more terms in the Legislature under Territorial government. His first term was 1816. After the State was organized and the Capitol moved from Corydon to Indianapolis he served another term in the Legislature. On or about the year of 1823 he came out and bought considerable land 10 miles from

Indianapolis where the National road was afterwards located. He did not move his family out from Washington county until the fall of 1850(This was corrected to read 1830); but went back and forth on horse back and had land cleared. He planted out an orchard of the choicest grafted apple trees. He took great pride in cultivating his trees. It was a model orchard of the day.

He was elected one term to the Senate from Hendricks county and rode a horse, back and forth to Indianapolis. He built a large double log house just east of where the old brick now stands. The first school house built in Hendricks county was built on his land about the year of 1824. It was built one-half mile south of where Carters* burg now is on land now owned by Alonzo Little. The school house was of logs. It had a large fire place and a stick and mud chimney in the west end. A log was cut out on the north side and greased paper instead of glass lights, a clapboard door in the southeast corner, a puncheon floor and seats split out with legs put in by boring holes with a large pod auger, Alfred Wagoner was the last pupil who attended the first school ever taught in Hendricks county. He lived to 93 years old. He died in 1892 in Plainfield.

A short time before his death the writer took him and Uncle Samuel Little out to locate the exact place where the school house stood. In the course of three or four years after, Alexander Little moved to his land, he built what was then considered a fine brick house and kept tavern for many years. The large square sign read ENTERTAINMENT BY A. LITTLE. It was a favorite stopping place for teamsters and movers. His house was crowded almost every night with travelers. The old Judge's Tavern was known far and near. It was not long after he moved to Hendricks county until all of his children moved and settled in surrounding country. Alexander Little died in Hendricks county, Indiana, July 26, 1849. Rachel his wife, died September 7th, 1854, they are buried in the Irons cemetery. I will give the names of all of Alexander and Rachel Little's children date of their birth, who they married and number of children born to each. There were twelve childrer, seven daughters and five sons.

Anna, born August 27th, 1801 married Robert mcAnight, three children were born.

Polly, born January 20th, 1803, married James Green, ten children were born.

Patsey, born October 30th, 1804, married John Zaring, ten children were born.

Betsey, born May 4th, 1806, married John Canary, three children were born.

John, born April 12th, married Nancy Rawlings, ten children were born. Second wife, Jane Beasley, seven children were born to this union.

Samuel, born April 26th 1810, married Rebecca Green, eleven children were born. Second wife was Ann McKnight, no children was born to this union.

Rachel, born June 24th, 1812, married James Richardson, twelve children were born.

William, born March 5th 1814, married Sarah Downard, eight children were boen. Second wife was Sarah Lee and two children were born.

Rebecca, born April 24th, 1816, married Joseph Wines, four children were born. Second husband Jacob Welch, one child was born. Third husband, Aaron Wilhite, five children were born to them.

Joseph, born February 23rd, 1819, married Mildred Thompson, two children were born. Second wife was Mariah Worth, to them five children were born.

Sarah Jane, born October 22nd, 1823, married Joseph Simpson, one child was born. Second husband was John Wilhite, no children. Third husband was Milton Brown, no children. Fourth husband was James Hinkle, no children. Sarah Jane is the only living child of Alexander Little at the present time, August 1905.

After Alexander Little settled in Hendricks county he engaged in the mercantile business, he kept a general store and supplied the surrounding country with about everything they were in need of. His store was situated near the southwest corner of where the old brick house now stands, his customers lived several miles in all directions from the store.

The last wheat Alexander ever harvested was cut with sickles. It was about that time the cradle was introduced which was a great novelty. I remember how neightors collected at my father's to see the cradle operated the general conclusion was that it was perfection that no improvement could be made on it. But Alexander Little was rather predjudiced against the cradle it wasted too much wheat.

Alexander Little purchased the first cooking stove ever introduced in the county. As I remember it was a clumsy affair. The plates were half-inch thick. Previously a tin reflector was used.

Alexander Little had the first iron pitch fork, he

had it made by a blacksmith. It had two prongs as large as a man's fingers. The pitcher always used it. All other forks and rakes were wooden and home made.

Alexander Little owned the first carriage ever used in the county. It was made to order by Murphy, of Bellville. It had wooden springs. It was built very heavy and strong and had a top supported by corner posts. Old Bawly was the only horse hitched to it.

Alexander Little had a large development of order. Everything had to be done with precision. He never allowed a job to go unfinished. He was a man of medium height, rather spare built, but well proportioned. He was a fair conversationalist. He was fairly well posted in history. He had a very good library of well selected books, such as Byron, Shakespeare, Dickens works and many other books of a high order. His mind run on intellectual subjects, but he often indulged in telling witty stories and sometimes got off dry jokes. His judgment was frequently sought by his acquaintances.

When Alexander Little moved to Hencricks county, Indiana he belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and a camp ground was located on his land one half mile south of Cartersburg by that church, on the spot now occupied by Holderman's barn, but slightly to the southwest of it. A few years later, about the year 1834, Alexander Little joined the Methodist Episcopal church at Bellville, and was a member until his death. He had a wall sweeper clock made to order at Salem before moving to Hendricks county. It had wooden works. It gave the hour, the week, the month and changes of the moon. My recollection is that it cost one hundred and fifty dollars. He died when he was seventy years of age. His death was caused by consumption. I remember he had a hacking cough for several years.

So in conclusion I will say, all things considered, that Alexander Little (Judge Little) was the GRAND OLD MAN OF THE LITTLE FAMILY, and will be so considered by future generations of the family.

May 20, 1971

Mrs.Bill Bryson
Rt. 1 Box 97
Bertram, Texas 78605

Dear Mrs. Bryson:

Sorry to take so long in getting your research completed, but there are never enough hours in the day when busloads of school children make field trips to the Museum in the Spring! I am Curator, remember.

I searched Book A, Marriage Records of Vigo County,Ind.1818-1840, and did not find the marriage record of John Bratton and Jane Lane. They must have been married in a neighboring county? Possibly Sullivan County, as it was closer to them. If so, it can not be located as their early records burned in the courthouse fire.

Next, I searched Probate Court records for any record of Robert Bratton's death, will, estate settlement, etc., and found nothing. His widow, must have decided to migrate to Texas with her family. There was no mention of guardianships being established for minor children,etc.

As for the Lane family - here are the names listed in one of our county histories: Bradsby's History of Vigo Co.,Ind.(1891). They may or may not fit in someplace in the future:

Lane, - (Bailey)(Mrs.)281
...., Betsey(Kirby)357
...., Cora 822
....., Eleanna 239
...., Henry S. 326
...., Jacob 156,189,213
...., James 657
...., John 214,357
...., Joseph(Dr.) 822
...., Nancy C.(Albin)657
Rosa A.(Flesher) 759
Sarah(McAdams) 822
Warfield 759
William 205,220

Thoseofname Bratton included:
Bratton, Jos. 431
....., J.E. 839
....., Louella(McJohnston)839
....., Robert 178,222,228,292,295,298,343.

I copied out all the references to Robert see next page.

Also I copied all references to him in Beckwith's HISTORY OF VIGO & PARKE COS.(1880) see next page.

I will place this information on file and when any other data is found, I will send it on to you.

The five hours of research paid for by your ten dollar fee has been used. I'm only sorry the information you are seeking is not here in Vigo County records.

Sincerely yours,

COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, WAR DEPARTMENT.

1 June 1949

The name of John McCroskey(or similar spellings has not been found among the records of any Army organization from Virginia in the Revolutionary War.

However, a copy of a Virginia record of a Court Martial for Augusta County, Virginia, Revolutionary War, shows under date of 15 October 1789 a fine was collected from one John McDroskey of Captain Gray's Company.

The records show that one John McClosky(surname also shown as McCrosky) served in the Revolutionary War as a private in Captain Joseph Erwin's Company, 9th Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded at different times by Colonel Anthony James Morris and Major Matthew Smith. His name appears on company pay roll dated 1 May 1777, which shows that he enlisted 16 December, year not stated, and that he died 9 March, year not stated. This roll also shows time in service, 2 months and 21 days.

The records also show that one Arthur McCloskey(surname also shown as McCosky) served in the Revolutionary War as a private in captain John Steel's Company, Malcom's Regiment, Continental troops. His name first appears on a company muster roll of January 1778 dated 1 February 1778, which bears the remark: "Sick in Hospital". His name appears on a company muster roll of September 1778 dated at Fort Clinton, 3 October 1778 which bears the remark: "Deserted".

The Armys collection of Revolutionary War records is, however, incomplete and it is possible that additional information can be obtained from the Librarian, Virginia Stat Library, Richmond, Virginia: State Librarian, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, or from the Archivist of the United States, Washington 25, D.C., who has custody of the pension records for the early wars.

Signed by Edward F. Witsell
Major General
The Adjutant General

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A reply regarding accepted D.A.R. record of McCroskey dated May 11, 1949 notes:

"We do have one John McCroskey, who derved as a private from Virginia, a descendant of whom is Miss Rachel E. Huff National Number 35645, of Loudon, Tenn." Signed by Mrs. William V. Tynes, Registrar General, N.S,D.A.R.

THE FOLLOWING ARE COPIES OF QULRIES AND ANSWERS APPEARING IN THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

BRATTON-William, born in Augusta county, Virginia, 1778 and died 1841; married Mary H. Maxwell, born 1796 died 1875. They were married November 1819. William Bratton went to Kentucky from Virginia and was one of the "nine yourg men" who went with Lewis and Clark and the inscription on his tombstone as follows: "William Bratton went in 1804 with Lewis and Clark to the Rocky Mountains. Died Nov. 11, 1841 age 63 years" After his return from the expedition in the West he came to Vigo county, Indiana and in 1822, entered land in Montgomery county, near Waynetown, which still is in possession of the Bratton family. Wanted, names of the parents of William Bratton and his wife, Mary H. Maxwell where they came from, dates, etc., also names of all the children of William and Mary Bratton with dates of births and marriages.

BRATTON-WILLIAM. This query interested me, as my husband was reared by Mrs. Hetty Ann Bratton Johnson at Waynetown, Ind. Information of this family could no doubt be given by Mrs. Lizzie Armantrout, 612 South Twenty-first street, Lafayette, Ind., or Mrs. Martha Pittenger, Hillsboro, Rural Roure, Ind. Mrs. Pittingers mother was a Bratton.

Mrs. G., Indianapolis.

BRATTON-WILLIAM*Mrs. Maude Chesterson of Waynetown, Montgomery County, state chaplain of the Daughters of 1812 is a descendant of William Bratton and through the Philip Schoff chapter at Indianapo polis had placed a marker on the grave of William Bratton, buried in Waynetown cemetery. Write to Mrs. Chesterson for data needed as she gave much interesting information of this family in a manuscript read before the society last year- Mrs. Theodore D. Craven, 1433 Bellefontaine Street, Indianapolis, state chairman, Revolutionary soldiers' graves, D.A.R.

BRATTON-WILLIAM- My grandfather, James Bratton born in 1779 came to America in 1797 died in 1861, settled in Xenia O., when 17 years old, married twice, but do no know maiden names of these wives. Seven children of first marriage and four of second marriage. My grandfather had brothers in America when he came from Ireland, probably in Maryland or Virginia-W.B. Bratton 646 North Temple Avenue, Indianapolis .

William E. Bratton was the father of 7 sons and 3 daughters

James M.	b Aug. 25, 1820	d July 1, 1841
George	b Mar. 6, 1822	d May 5, 1863
John	b Mar. 4, 1824	d Sept. 12, 1846
William	b Dec. 23, 1825	d May 12 1859
Robert	b Apr. 28, 1828	d Sept. 27, 1835
Adam	b Mar. 19 , 1831	d Feb. 4, 1859
Geizella Ann	b Apr. 24, 1833	d Nov. 17, 1903
Son	stillborn Mar. 9, 1837	
Eliza Jane	b Mar. 3, 1838	d June. 28, 1838
Marietta	b July 16, 1840	d May 2, 1860

Two sons, George and John were soldiers in the War with Mexico, John dying there, while in service.

Adam, died and was buried in Kentucky, Grizella Ann, died and was buried in Iowa; all the rest of the family being buried in the old Pioneer Cem. , Waynetown, Ind.

George and Grizella Ann were the only ones to leave decendants.

see next page for George Bratton family in Warren Co. Ky...Bonnie Baird is decended from this George son of George Bratton and Jane or Jean

The following is a letter I received from Mr. Walter V. Bratton

Dear Miss Barbee:

A Mrs. Dorothy June Puckett called on us a few days ago and was telling about your interest in the Bratton family tree. Also wrote me a little note since giving the name of some folk.

The Family Tree states out with a Robert Bratton born in 1712 of Scotch-Irish descent, came to America in 1772. Settled in Augusta Co., Va., married Anna Dunlap daughter of John Dunlap of Rockbridge Va., between the years 1745 and 1747. Five children were born to this union. Although the Robert Bratton name appears several times down the line I don't find any that married a McCoskey. The only clue that might lead to a claim is by Capt. William Bratton who was with the Lewis and Clark Expedition. On their return 1806 reached St. Louis. He Capt. Bratton was discharged & in 1812 enlisted with England. Took part in the Battle of the Thames. His travels in the Indiana area caused him to settle in Vigo courty at wars end. Here he operated a general store for a few years. When the purchase opened up he took up land in Wayne township around Waynetown, Indiana. He died in 1841 & was buried in the old pioneer cemetery at east edge of Waynetown, Indiana. A number of children & relatives are buried near him, but time has defaced the stones. so much they are hard to make out. Don't give any mention of his marriage that I find. Notes do not elaborate on the time he lived in Vigo County, 1815-1819.

This is about as far as I can go, unless we could find some other names that might lead up to a relationship somewhere. Any time you would like to look thru these records. (Recorded in Wash.) you are welcome to come up and go over them.

Yours very kindly

Walter V. Bratton

Crawfordsville, Indiana
R.R. #2
2 miles north of New Ross, Indiana

Record of George Bratton Family in Warren Co., Kentucky.

George Bratton:
Born Aug. 2, 1786 in Virginia, (1850 Warren Co., Ky. census)
Six months in the 14th Kentucky Militia, Capt. Thomas Sterrett's Co.
Nov. 20, 1814, to May 20. 1915. (Battle of New Orleans)
National Archives Designation:
B L W T 13115-80-55.
Land Warrant No. 16,713.

Married in Butler Co., Ky. Sept. 9, 1823 to;
Miss Elizabeth Ann Thomson, b. Dec. 4, 1796, in Va. (1850 Ky. census.)
d. June 19, 1872 in Warren Co., Ky.
George Bratton dec. Sept. 16, 1853; both are buried in Mt. Olivet Church Cem. ca. six miles north of Bowling Green, Kentucky.
Had issue:
1 - Margaret Jane Bratton, b. Sept. 3, 1824; d. ca. 1898.
Married Albert Doherty, Jan. 29, 1852.
Had issue:
A- George Doherty, b. April 14, 1853; d. Oct. 25, 1858.
B- Alfred Doherty, b. ca. 1855.
C- Albert C. Doherty, b. 1857; d. July 28, 1936; m. 1st Miss Tabittha Lucas; one son George; two grandsons were lost with the Arizona, Dec. 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor.
2nd m. Miss Mary Atkerson; Walter, Margaret, Mable and Arch by this m.
D- Mary Doherty, m. Arch Kesterson.
E- Nannie Doherty, b. April 15, 1861; d. July 15, 1930; m. John Taylor.

2 - William Thomson Bratton, b. Jan. 24, 1827; d. Sept. 14, 1846, single.

3 - Mary Elizabeth Bratton, b. Dec. 29, 1828; d. Aug. 14, 1846, single.

4 - Alexander Chapman Bratton, b. July 29, 1833; was in medical school when his father died in 1853. Went to Calif. between 1855 and 1857, believed to have settled in the San Francisco area; m. Rosa - -; one son Oscar.

5 - Sarah Rebecca Bratton, b. Aug. 21, 1835; d. March 31, 1899.
Married Wilmoth A. White, June 5, 1856.
Had issue:
A - Alvin Chapman White, b. March 14, 1858; d. Dec. 10, 1882, single.
B - Loren Wilkins White, b. May 21, 1859; d. March 22, 1932, single.
C - Waverly Wilson White, b. Dec. 13, 1860; d. Aug. 19, 1912.
Married Miss Allie Holman, Jan. 23, 1901; one daughter Bonnie. BAIRD
D - Eugene B. White, b. Sept. 21, 1862; d. Dec. 28, 1903.
Married Miss Ida Gaultney, April 17, 1894; two children dec. in infancy.
E - Payton White, b. Nov. 3, 1864; dec. six months old.
F.- Peachie White, b. Sept. 12, 1866; d. Sept. 10, 1882, single.
G - Hattie White, b. March 3, 1868; dec. April 19, 1918, single.

6 - John H. Briggs Bratton, b. Aug. 15, 1837; d. April 9, 1838.

7 - Nancy Dolisky Bratton, b. June 2, 1840; dec. Jan. 7, 1903.
Married Milton Omer White, July 9, 1862, no issue.